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SUBJ: SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD REVIEW

REF : A. STATE 113715; B. STATE 114330

1. THE EMBASSY SEES NO RPT NO REASON WHY COLONEL FIFER SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND SANG REVIEW AND A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY HE SHOULD.

2. THE AIR WAS ONCE WOMEWHAT STRAINED BETWEEN FIFER AND PRINCE ABDULLAH. THIS HAS SINCE CLEARED. EVEN IF IT HAD NOT, WE WOULD STILL WANT FIFER TO REPRESENT THE U.S. SIDE AT THIS REVIEW. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY ARGUED MOST FORCEFULLY THAT THE USG SHOULD EXERCISE MAXIMUM CARE IN CHOSSING PEOPLE FOR IMPORTANT POSITIONS DEALING WITH OUR PROGRAMS IN SAUDI ARABIA. ONCE WE HAVE MADE OUR CHOICE, IT IS THE USG AND NOT THE SAG WHICH JUDGES THAT PERSON'S PERFORMANCE AND SUITABILITY. COLONEL FIFER HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS OSD/ISA COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR SAUDI ARABIA. WE THINK IT AN EXCELLENT ASSIGNMENT. IF THERE IS NOW ANY ADJUSTING TO DO, PRINCE ABDULLAH WILL HAVE TO DO IT. IN FACT, WE THINK THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER.

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